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Cooperation - JRDB and CIG

1. There have been constant indications since our JRDB agreement that the tendency within JRDB is to set up very extensive intelligence committees and sub-committees actually with a view to directing our scientific intelligence activities. Their proposals have generally involved minor CIG representation on JRDB committees with our major function being to supply administrative support for them.

2. It is not actually our concern as to the number of committees established within JRDB for its own purposes. I feel, however, that we should not be drawn into this type of activity and in effect subordinate CIG intelligence control. We have already established the principle that we will receive requirements from JRDB, and that such requirements may be arrived at by mutual cooperation, but beyond that point we should not commit ourselves in any way. Once we have received requirements it is up to us to meet them as we see fit, and use our own methods.

3. I believe it is time that we emphasize again the necessity for strong, competent, and effective direction for our Scientific Branch of ORS. It is my opinion that at present this branch is very weak and that its chief is not capable of coping with his responsibilities as intelligence advisor to the chairman of JRDB. I have previously suggested to the assistant executive director that it would at least be a forward step if we could designate the present head of the Nuclear Energy Group as temporary chief of the Scientific Branch until such time as a competent scientist can be obtained.

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